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Mask Festival April 21 at CMA

CLEVELAND — Artistic preparations for the annual Parade the Circle Celebration will kick off at the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) when it presents the **Circle of Masks** on Sunday, April 21, 2002. Geared to children and adults of all ages, the Circle of Masks will culminate in an audience-interactive dance performance. **Free** mask-making workshops and contemporary dance performances will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m.

Spectators will get a preview of this year's Parade theme, "Salmagundi." Robin VanLear, artistic director of the Parade and CMA's community arts, explains, "Salmagundi means many things, including a potpourri or heterogeneous mixture. It is also an eclectic salad of meat, egg, and colorful vegetables, artfully arranged and highly seasoned. It reflects the diversity and creativity that generates the Parade, which produces a spicy and vibrant visual feast. Salmagundi is a perfect way to describe it."

Returning Parade artists Wendy Mahon, Angelica Pozo, and Mark Sugiuchi will conduct *Fragmentary Faces* **mask-making workshops** in the lower-level classrooms from **1 to 3:15 p.m.** Mahon will guide participants in creating "Tin Can Trash," masks composed of metallic scraps. Pozo will present "Brilliant Bits," in which participants may create masks using items such as colored plastic caps, telephone wire, cable ties, and plastic fencing. Sugiuchi will feature "Chancy Chaff," incorporating seeds, strings, grasses, and fiber.

Free dance performances will take place in the Indoor Garden Court between 1:30 and 4 p.m. *Detritus Dancing* will be presented by In · Let Dance Theatre, one of Cleveland's newest professional contemporary dance companies, with choreography by artistic director Bill Wade and music by Ryan Lott. It will be divided into two pieces. ***Out of the Woods*** **(1:30 and 2:30 p.m.)**, inspired by nature, features dancers wearing large *calabash* masks — made from carved gourds — and hand-dyed robes in brown, rust, and gold. Artist Mark Jenks will compose the text and narrate the performance. ***Within the City*** **(2 and 3 p.m.)** highlights dancers wearing costumes of urban scraps, including garbage bag strips, pop can flip-tabs, and bottle caps. Leilani Barrett of the YARD (Youth at Risk Dancing) at the Cleveland School of the Arts will compose the text and narrate this performance.

Barrett is an original member of the YARD and has been described as "a talent with star quality" by Anna Kisselgoff of *The New York Times*.

For the festival's audience-participation finale at **3:30 p.m.**, dancers from the YARD and In · Let will form dance lines to demonstrate dance phrases and teach the audience new choreography based on the Salmagundi theme. Artful arrangements of the world's debris and masks from the three workshops will be the inspiration for the performance.

Parade the Circle Celebration Coming Soon

Parade the Circle Celebration is just around the corner: Saturday, June 8, 2002 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cleveland's cultural hub — University Circle. Presented by CMA and University Circle Incorporated (UCI), this **free** event attracts more than 40,000 spectators and 2,000 participants. The Circle of Masks marks the official beginning of the Parade season, and this is the first opportunity to see and purchase this year's Parade posters and T-shirts, designed by Alan Peters.

Parade the Circle Celebration is presented by the institutions of University Circle. The Parade is produced by the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Circle Village is coordinated by University Circle Incorporated.

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